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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 8, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, the invention of Group III, claim 12.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. The claims of Group I (1-5) are directed to a support assembly for use in a transformer core. The claims of Group II (6-11, but incorrectly identified as 5-11 in the Restriction Requirement) are directed to a process for manufacturing transformer cores. The claim of Group III (12) is directed to a transformer core which includes the support assembly of the claims of Group I.

It is submitted that a complete search on the invention of any group would require a search for the invention of the other groups. Moreover, since claim 12 refers to claim 1, it is clear that the subject matter of claim 1 (and its dependent claims 2-5) need to be searched for